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MAYOR TO TALGO: COME TO MILWAUKEE!

MILWAUKEE---Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett hailed the good news announced by Governor Jim Doyle of an agreement with Spanish train manufacturer Talgo that will result in a new rail car assembly plant in Wisconsin. Mayor Barrett said he intends to make an aggressive pitch to locate that new assembly plant in Milwaukee.

"We have prime sites near major transportation routes and in walking distance of a ready-to-go workforce," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "We say to Talgo: 'Ven aqui a Milwaukee!'"

Two Talgo rail car sets were chosen to be put into use on the Amtrak Hiawatha Service and will expand the capacity of the existing trips between Milwaukee and Chicago. Talgo was also chosen to provide rail cars for the future high speed rail corridor between Chicago-Milwaukee-Madison. The rail car sets will be manufactured in Spain and assembled in Wisconsin. The new assembly plant is expected to serve the entire country.

"Our Port of Milwaukee, our Department of City Development and our citizens are ready to work with Talgo," said Mayor Tom Barrett.